"INFORMER" DEFINED

> . . . an informer is an undisclosed person who confidentially volunteers material information of violations of the law to officers charged with enforcement of that law. As we understand the term, persons who supply information only after being interviewed by police officers or who give information as witnesses during the course of an investigation are not informers. Moreover, a distinction is often made in the federal cases based on whether the person is an active participant in the offense with which the defendant is charged or is a "mere infomer" who only supplies a "lead" to law enforcement officers for their investigation of the crime. According to this distinction, a participant in the transaction upon which the charge against the accused is based often is not treat as an informer.
> Gordon v. United States (5th Cir., 1971), 438 F. 2d 858 at 876.

NOTE: By this definition of "informer", most of the documents comprising the ten volume FBI investigation into the RFK assassination probably contain no names of "informers".